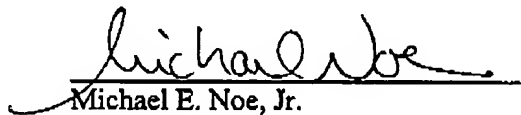


REMARKS

Applicant certainly appreciates the allowance of Claims 1 – 4, 6, 8 – 11, 13, 15, and 16. Claims 7 and 14 have been canceled. Applicant respectfully requests a notice of allowance. No extension of time is believed to be required. However, in the event that an extension of time is required, please charge that extension fee and any other required fees to Hitachi Global Storage Technologies' Deposit Account Number 50-2587.

Respectfully submitted,


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